

WESTERLY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Notice of Meeting

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Preliminary Agenda

Wednesday, August 10, 2005

Council Conference Room

7:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

Approval of Minutes

Old Business

Complimentary Conversation Booklets - Status, Gene

Turn Over of Town Forest

Tree Ordinance

Town Dump

Hazardous Waste

Assignment Reports

Rita H. - Tree Ordinance

Mike L. Research on Tree Ordinance. Town Forest Documents

New Business

Mike Brown. & Joe MacAndrew's Appointments: Enter information into minutes

Westerly Land Trust: Gene Malerba

C.C. File Cabinet, Keys, etc., Gene Malerba

Fundraiser: Washington County Land Trust: Gene Malerba

Subdivisions

Fountain Crest Preserve

Pucci Subdivision

Correspondence

Meeting Adjournment

Westerly Conservation Commission Minutes

July 12, 2005

Attendees: Rita Herbert, Tony Medeiros, Michael Lucas, Gene Malerba was in attendance.

Absent: Joseph Mac Andrews, on vacation Michael Brown, on vacation, Marilyn Shellman

The meeting was called to order by committee Vice Chairperson, Gene Malerba at 7:00 PM.

The minutes for the June 14, 2005 meeting were reviewed by attendees and one spelling correction was recommended. Andy Boris was informed of the needed correction and would handle on our behalf.

The minutes were approved, subject to the correction as stated.

Old Business

No Committee Reports were given

Lengthy discuss took place regarding the turn over of the "Town Forest" to the Westerly Parks/Recreation Dept. Mike Lucas suggested and the group agreed, that at our next meeting further discussion take place and a Vote be taken on the question of whether or no the Commission should keep ownership of certain environmental related responsibilities/duties (thinning of forest/cutting of trees, maintaining trails etc.). Mike said, it's outlined in the "Town Forest" deed/legal documents. Mike will give us the language whereby he feels we should keep some interest in the Forest. The group agreed.

It was agreed that we should make every effort to see that the Town Forest completion is properly publicized, including the Boy Scouts work. Gene agreed to follow up with Andy on this matter!

Conservation Fact sheet/ Brochures were received and reviewed and approved by the group. It was suggested that instead of having two racks in the Town Hall, that one should be placed in the Public Library, across the street.

A discussion and review of the 2005 Operating Budget and the proposed 2006 Budget.

New Business

Issues:

„İ How is the Town Dump handling Hazardous Material, Recycling?

„İ Does a Tree Ordinance exist for Westerly?

Assignment

Rita H, will investigate whether we have a Tree Ordinance in Westerly and explain the approval/denial process, if any.

Mike L, will check with other South County communities protecting to see what Tree Ordinance they have.

Mike L will bring the legal document that explains our responsibilities to the Town Forest.

Both commissioners will report their finding at our next meeting.

Gene will obtain printed signs for the Conservation Brochure Racks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next Meeting is August 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room.

Submitted by:

Michael Brown, Secretary
Westerly Conservation Commission